

voters before they deploy about their voting options and would be notified when a voter may miss an election because they're on active duty. Bill sponsor Sen. Frank LaRose, the Republican nominee for secretary of state who served overseas as a U.S. Army Green Beret, stated in a letter to his Senate colleagues that a 2014 poll found two-thirds of military personnel were not confident their vote would be counted or found the absentee-voting process overly complex.

Supreme score: The company that chops up a "slag mountain" near Youngstown to turn it into road-building material is entitled to a reduction in state taxes, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled last week. The court unanimously decided that the Ohio tax commissioner wrongly assessed the tax owed on repair parts and fuel for machinery that Lafarge North America uses to break slag, a byproduct of the steel-making process.

Recounting the details: Republican 12th Congressional District candidate Melanie Leneghan has requested a \$2,880 recount in 48 precincts across four counties, according to a letter sent to Franklin County elections officials. Leneghan, who lost the May 8 primary to state Sen. Troy Balderson by 653 votes, has asked for a recount in 21 precincts in Franklin County, 16 in Muskingum County, six in Licking County and five in Delaware County. The recount is set to start on Wednesday and could take several days, according to elections officials. Leneghan only asked to re-tabulate votes in the primary in which Balderson was nominated for the November election. The November winner will serve a full two-year term beginning next year. She did not challenge a primary the same day in which Balderson won the GOP nomination for an Aug. 7 special election. The winner of that election will only serve until the end of this year.

Scheduling note: While the Ohio House appears close to ending the deadlock over electing an interim speaker, it's still unclear when the chamber might start addressing its growing backlog of bills. According to House Republican spokesman Brad Miller, the election for speaker will be the only item on Wednesday's House agenda, and it hasn't yet been decided when the House would meet after that to vote on legislation before breaking for the summer.

Have your cake: The U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of a Colorado

baker who refused to make wedding cakes for same-sex couples on religious grounds, reports cleveland.com's Sabrina Eaton. The case doesn't allow store owners to discriminate against same-sex couples broadly, but instead focused on Colorado officials' comments during the case, which the court found violated the baker's First Amendment rights.

"Trade wars are good, and easy to win": If you pulled Canada in your office trade war pool, congratulations. You're the winner. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced he would impose retaliatory tariffs, and Ohio would be one of the hardest hit in the nation with \$1.75 billion in goods affected. Cleveland.com's Robin Goist breaks down what industries might feel the squeeze.

It's not even vest season: Multiple agents with the Bureau of Criminal Investigation are wearing vests that are completely out of style – so much so that they are expired and potentially dangerous to the officers. Julie Carr Smyth of the Associated Press reports on a union complaint that listed 53 of 99 special agents, investigators and personnel transport workers whose Kevlar vests are past the five-year expiration date.

Mental health: It's been 10 years since the state closed Twin Valley – the inpatient psychiatric hospital in Dayton – and the move has proved to be a drain on resources, according to the Daily Dayton News. Instead of having a place to house patients with mental illnesses, law enforcement is often dispatched to do so after they commit a crime.

Surprising the competition: The districts in Ohio are gerrymandered to favor Republicans, but the current political climate has at least two congressional Republicans playing defense, Jack Torry of The Columbus Dispatch writes. U.S. Rep. Steve Chabot has a competitive race in the Cincinnati area against Hamilton County Clerk of Courts Aftab Pureval in a district that could flip. But also playing D is U.S. Rep. Bob Gibbs, who is facing an aggressive campaign from veteran Ken Harbaugh.

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Full Disclosure

Five things we learned from state Rep. John Bocchieri's April 9 financial disclosure statement. Bocchieri, a Mahoning County Democrat and former congressman, is running this November for Senate District 33.

1. In addition to working as a state lawmaker, he also works as a pilot with United Airlines and as a pilot and squadron commander with the U.S. Air Force Reserve.

2. On top of his annual legislative salary of \$60,584, Bocchieri's two other jobs as a pilot each earned him \$50,000 to \$99,999 in 2017.

3. He listed investments of at least \$1,000 each in more than a dozen mutual funds, as well as in 19 different stocks and exchange-traded funds ? 3 including Google and Berkshire Hathaway.

4. During 2017, the Ohio House of Representatives reimbursed him \$4,330 in official travel expenses.

5. Bocchieri also holds licenses to sell property, casualty, life and health insurance, as well as products such as mutual funds and variable annuities.

On the Move

Brittany Warner has been hired as director of communications for Republican Mike DeWine's gubernatorial campaign. She's moving over from managing Sen. Frank LaRose's Republican campaign for secretary of state. A former Ohio Republican Party spokeswoman, Warner got the job after Ryan Stubenrauch, who handled communications for DeWine's campaign during the primary, left for a private media consulting firm.

Grant Shaffer is LaRose's new campaign manager. Shaffer worked for Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor's gubernatorial campaign and New Day for America, the super PAC that supported Gov. John Kasich's presidential bid.

Joshua Eck has officially been named the DeWine campaign's press secretary and spokesman; the former secretary of state spokesman has already been handling similar duties for the campaign.

Michael Hall will serve as the DeWine campaign's policy director. Hall most recently worked as a partner in the public affairs and government law group at Ice Miller, a Columbus law firm.

Birthdays

Erin Sutter, Buckeye Institute's manager of strategic partnerships

Straight From The Source

"This is a big win for the First Amendment and religious freedom, and a brutal defeat for government activists who are hostile to people of faith."

- Ken Blackwell, a Republican and former Ohio secretary of state and treasurer, commenting on Twitter about Monday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that a Colorado baker can refuse on religious grounds to make a wedding cake for a gay couple.

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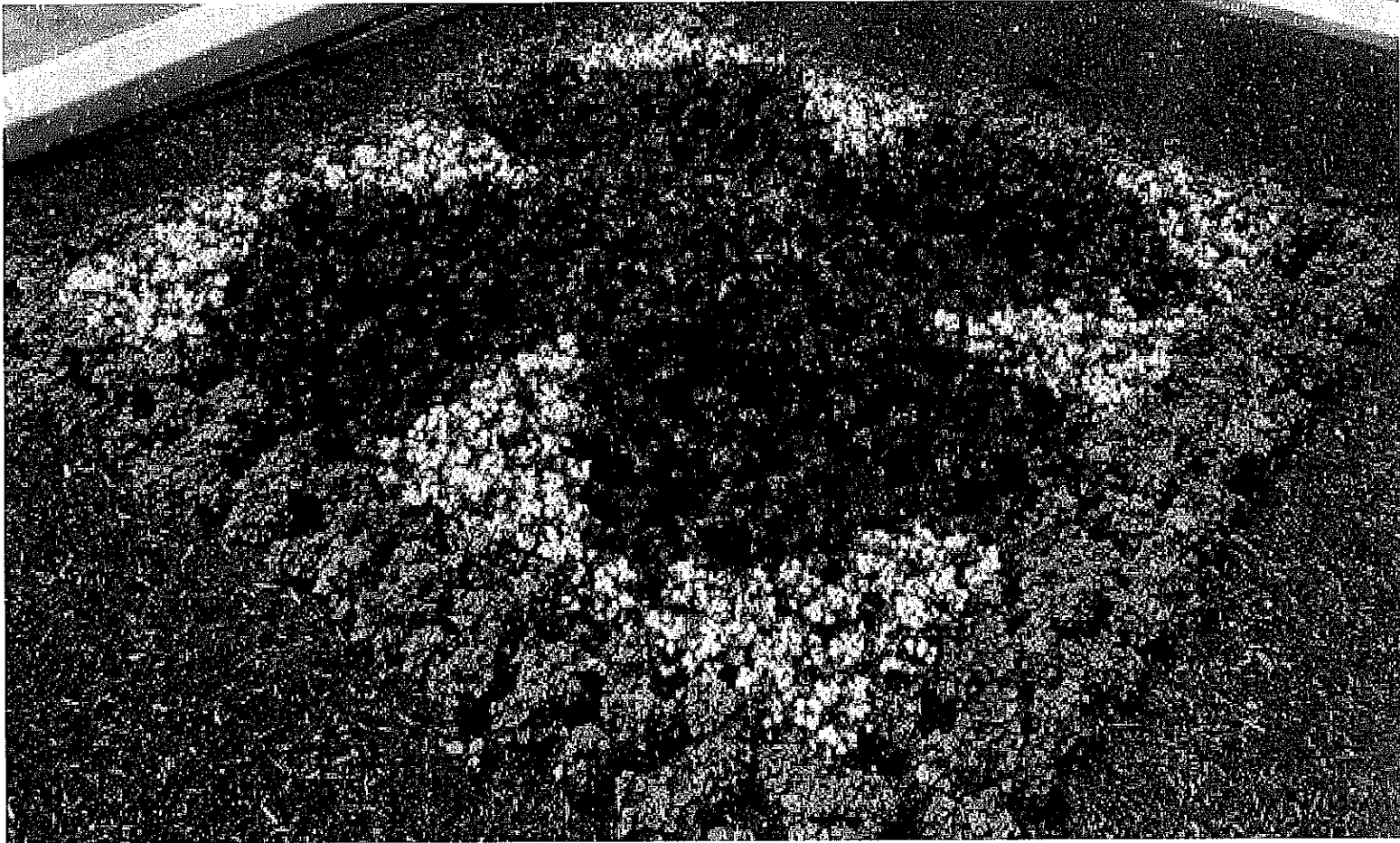
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Laura Hancock and Jeremy Pelzer



A garden bed on the north side of the Ohio Statehouse showcases a poppy quilt design to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. (Laura Hancock/cleveland.com)

Rotunda Rumbblings

The long and winding road: Meeting for a voting session for the first time in about eight weeks, the House adopted a long list of bills, including a measure that would restrict payday lenders' rates to 28 percent, down from an average 591 percent, writes cleveland.com's Laura Hancock. House Bill 123 now heads to the Senate, where there are plenty of opportunities for the bill to be altered or to sink.

Payday lender or loan shark? Is there really a difference between those

two terms. Cleveland.com's Eric Heisig has a piece exploring the question, along with some interesting history on the short-term loan.

One step for man, one giant leap for dogkind... Hancock reports that dogs are one step closer to lawfully accompanying their people to dinner, as long as they're chilling in outdoor restaurant patios. The Ohio Senate passed a measure to allow restaurant owners to choose if they want pups on patios.

Clearing the backlog: In all, the Ohio House on Thursday passed 17 bills, including measures to prohibit hospitals from forcing nurses to work overtime (House Bill 456) and allow payouts to Ohioans who are wrongfully imprisoned because of withheld evidence (House Bill 411). House members also concurred with the Senate's changes to an additional 11 bills. Among them: House Bill 225, which aims to help plug 700 orphaned and abandoned oil and gas wells in the state.

Leneghan to challenge OH-12 results: Republican Melanie Leneghan is drawing up paperwork to contest the results of last month's 12th Congressional District primary, claiming Muskingum County elections officials violated Ohio law by opening ballot containers before starting a recount. But an Ohio secretary of state's office spokesman told cleveland.com's Jeremy Pelzer that "there doesn't appear to be anything improper going on."

More cones of shame could come to Ohio: The House adopted a bill to give veterinarians continuing education credit for offering free spay and neuter services. House Bill 433 heads to the Senate.

Pay raises ahead: The House also undertook a number of bills that had been adopted by the Senate and contained "emergency clauses," or time-sensitive provisions. One of those bills was House Bill 292. Two weeks ago the Senate amended the bill to give 11,000 exempt state employees who are not members of unions a 2.75 pay raise to match the raise Ohio's largest public employees union had negotiated in its collective bargaining agreement. The raise will go into effect, assuming Gov. John Kasich signs it, during the pay period that includes July 1.

Commercial break is over: A month after the barrage of 12th Congressional District primary television ads stopped, a new wave of special-election ads is about to hit the Central Ohio airwaves. The Congressional Leadership Fund, a super PAC with ties to House GOP leadership, has purchased \$165,000 worth of broadcast TV ads between Friday and next Tuesday, according to Medium Buying, a political ad tracker.

Chairman Ryan: House Speaker Ryan Smith used to chair the influential House Finance Committee and has now given that job to Rep. Scott Ryan, a Columbus-area Republican.

A little work, a little play? Since the Ohio House went without a session for roughly eight weeks as a battle over the next speaker dragged on, new Speaker Ryan Smith has a full schedule planned for the chamber for the rest of the month – a time when lawmakers are usually on recess. The House will meet on June 20 and June 27, according to an updated House schedule. Smith said there will be a light committee meeting schedule, if any meet at all.

PEP in their step: PEP Connections, a Cuyahoga County behavioral health program for at-risk youth, will stay afloat for at least another year thanks to an appropriation added to a medical anti-discrimination bill, if Kasich signs off, [cleveland.com's Jackie Borchardt reports](#). The program faced a funding cliff July 1 because the state was ending a decades-long Medicaid waiver covering some of its costs to coincide with moving Medicaid behavioral health care payments to the managed care model. House Bill 332 gives the program \$2.5 million to use this year, and lawmakers hope the program can be replicated across the state.

Getting their day in (administrative) court: Hearings resume this month for medical marijuana cultivation applicants who appealed the state's licensing decisions, [Borchardt reports](#). The Department of Commerce put the hearings on hold in February after it discovered a scoring error and hired Ernst & Young to make sure scores for all 185 applicants checked out. The agency released Ernst & Young's initial report validating those scores on Thursday.

Your brain on drugs: The White House has a new anti-opioid ad campaign designed for shock value. It features the true stories of young people, including one from Ohio, who go to desperate lengths – including breaking their own bones – to get the addictive painkillers. [Cleveland.com's Sabrina Eaton has the details](#) and video of the commercials.

Get out of my way: U.S. Rep. Dave Joyce has introduced a bipartisan bill that would keep the federal government from interfering with states like Ohio that have legalized marijuana, [Eaton reports](#). "We should trust the people of the states, like Ohio, who have voted to implement responsible common-sense regulations and requirements for the use, production, and sale of cannabis," said a statement from Joyce. "If the people of these states have decided to provide help for those veterans and others suffering from pain and other health issues, we should allow them access without government interference."

Uncle Joe supporting Sherrod: Former Vice President Joe Biden will headline a fundraiser for U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown in Cleveland later this month, [reports cleveland.com's Andrew Tobias](#). The appearance suggests Biden, a possible 2020 contender, is keeping his contacts fresh with Ohio Democrats. Brown is running for re-election against Republican U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci.

Kasich in Foreign Affairs: Ohio Gov. John Kasich laid out his case for a more open and globally engaged America in a [lengthy piece that published in Foreign Affairs](#) on Thursday. The essay, which touches on things like international trade, immigration and diplomacy with China, is the latest expression of Kasich's ongoing "Two Paths" mantra rebuking President Donald Trump.

Luck of the draw: Year-over-year revenues at gambling facilities in the Cleveland area in May were down 5 percent, while elsewhere across Ohio they were flat, [writes cleveland.com's Rich Exner](#). An executive for JACK Casino in Cleveland said the drop is "100 percent attributable" to slightly luckier outcomes for players at the casino's table games.

Federal judges nominated: President Donald Trump on Thursday nominated two young attorneys to federal judicial spots on the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Heisig writes. They are Eric Murphy, 39, and Chad Readler, 45. Murphy is the state solicitor under Attorney General Mike DeWine. Readler is the principal deputy assistant attorney general in the Justice Department's civil division, and previously was chairman of the board for the Ohio Alliance for Public Charter Schools. Sen. Sherrod Brown said he would not support the nominees because he's not convinced they will support the rights of Ohioans, Heisig reports.

On the outs: "Ohio House Democrats took the highly unusual step Thursday of voting to kick Rep. Bernadine Kennedy Kent out of their caucus — and one or more of them are considering taking legal action against her," writes Jim Siegel of the Columbus Dispatch. Kennedy Kent, of Columbus, drew the ire of her colleagues when she wrote a letter to city officials using the signatures of members of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus without their permission, Siegel reports.

Full Disclosure

Five things we learned from Springfield Republican Rep. Kyle Koehler's April 9 financial disclosure statement.

1. Koehler's first name actually is Jerome.
2. He reported earning \$100,000 or more in 2017 as vice president of design at K.K. Tool Co. He earned \$65,476 last year as a representative, according to the Ohio Treasurer's office.
3. He received \$113.76 in gifts or meals from lobbyists last year, including a \$51.74 unspecified gift from the Ohio Quarter Horse Association and attended Alvis Inc.'s 180 Degree Impact Luncheon, worth \$50.
4. The Ohio House Republican Organizational Committee paid \$2,371.20 for Koehler's travel.
5. At some point in 2017 he owed at least \$1,000 to Ally on a car loan,

MBNA on a car loan and an MBNA credit card.

Birthdays

Amanda Wurst, vice president of communications, Remington Road Group

Straight From The Source

"The problem with this approach is, I think you're seeing an escalation that may result in both higher tariffs -- which is bad for our exporters, our farmers, our service providers, our factory workers -- but also bad for our consumers because you're going to see tariffs or taxes going up on both sides. 〰 0

- Republican Ohio U.S. Sen. Rob Portman on CNN discussing the White House's approach in negotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada at a time when President Donald Trump has announced tariffs.

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I plan on sending this out. Do you have any objections?

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WELCOME

When you get a free minute, please make sure to introduce yourself and welcome the newest members of our team.



Tyler Herrmann, Deputy Legal Counsel / Policy Advisor

Tyler is from Harrison, Ohio and holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati and a Political Science degree from Wright State University. Tyler served in the United States Air Force as an Operations Intelligence Analyst NCO and currently serves as a JAG Attorney for the United States

Army. He currently presides as the Chairman for the Ohio Chapter of the Republican National Lawyers Association, and as the Treasurer for the Cap City Young Republicans. Tyler transferred to the House from the Attorney General's Office where he served as an Assistant Attorney General within the Executive Agencies Section.



James Kennedy, LA Merrin

James is from Palm City, Florida and an alum of Florida, Atlantic University where he graduated with a degree in Political Science. While in college he had the opportunity to serve as a Tax and Fiscal Policy Intern for the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). James has an extensive research background serving as a Legal Research Analyst Intern for the Buckeye Institute and as a Political-Military Analyst Intern for the Hudson Institute. Prior to arriving to the House, he served as a Legislative Assistant for the

Tennessee Legislation Service in Nashville. In James' free time, he enjoys collecting sports memorabilia and claims to have personally met nearly every major league baseball superstar.

Lauren Reid, LA Butler



Lauren is from Madison, Connecticut, and recently graduated from the University of Dayton with degrees in Criminal Justice and Political Science with a minor in Spanish. While at Dayton, she served as a Statehouse Civic Scholar, where she was assigned an internship working for the Governor's communication team. Lauren had the unique experience of traveling to Segovia, Spain, where she participated in a four-week immersion program. During the winter months whenever she gets the opportunity, she enjoys to snowmobile.

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Leadership Members,

Attached please find the whip list for next week. Let me know if you have questions, comments, or concerns.

Thanks.

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Tuesday, June 26, 2018

Caucus 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

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Session: 11:00 AM

Bills for Third Consideration

- **House Bill 7** – Rep. Cupp – Reported out of Civil Justice (11-2, Dever)
 - *Address medical claims and provider immunities*
- **House Bill 51** – Rep. Faber – Reported out of State and Local Government (8-6, Anielski, Arndt)
 - *Review and sunset cabinet departments*
- **House Bill 92** – Rep. Schaffer – Reported out of Criminal Justice (13-0)
 - *Require public indecency before minors offenders to register*
- **House Bill 156** – Rep. Schuring – Reported out of Insurance (11-0)
 - *Address vision care insurance limits*
- **House Bill 189** – Rep. Roegner, Reece – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (10-4, party line)
 - *Change Cosmetology Licensing Law*
- **House Bill 211** – Rep. Hughes – Reported out of Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor (12-2, Hood, Dean)
 - *License home inspectors*
- **House Bill 240** – Rep. Barnes – Reported out of Higher Education and Workforce Development (12-0)
 - *Require state higher ed to adopt sex offense policies*
- **House Bill 293** – Rep. Scherer, Sheehy – Reported out of Transportation and Public Safety (11-3, Manning)
 - *Alter time periods pertaining to new drivers*

- **House Bill 349** – Reps. LaTourette – Reported out of Criminal Justice (13-0)
 - *Increase and expand crime of assaulting a police animal*
- **House Bill 355** – Reps. Hill, Rezabek – Reported out of Criminal Justice (13-0)
 - *Prohibits sexting if under 21 but allows diversion from penalty*
- **House Bill 371** – Rep. Merrin – Reported out of Ways and Means (15-3, Green, Hambley)
 - *Exempt increased value of subdivided land until building starts*
- **House Bill 386** – Reps. Henne, Kelly – Reported out of FIHUD (12-0)
 - *Modify credit reporting agency fees for a credit report freeze*
- **House Bill 394** – Rep. Rezabek – Reported out of Criminal Justice (10-3, Butler, Cupp, Hughes)
 - *Revise juvenile procedures*
- **House Bill 425** – Reps. Antani, Craig – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (12-0)
 - *Declare police body camera recordings not to be public records*
- **House Bill 469** – Reps. Schuring, Patton – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (12-0)
 - *Grant tax credit for transformational mixed use development*
- **House Bill 479** – Reps. Lipps, West – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (12-0)
 - *Disclose drug price information to patients*
- **House Bill 480** – Rep. Hill – Reported out of Civil Justice (11-0)
 - *Establish requirements for multi-parcel auctions*
- **House Bill 497** – Reps. Rogers, Manning – Reported out of Community and Family Advancement (13-1, Vitale)
 - *Prohibit disseminating private sexual images*
- **House Bill 500** – Rep. Carfagna – Reported out of State and Local Government (14-0)
 - *Change township law*
- **House Bill 502** – Rep. Anielski – Reported out of Education and Career Readiness (19-0)
 - *Train public school educators about youth suicide*
- **House Bill 504** – Rep. Pelanda – Reported out of Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor (10-1, Dean)
 - *Regards interior designers*

- **House Bill 511** – Reps. Lanese, Rogers – Reported out of Community and Family Advancement (11-0)
 - *Change age at which can marry*
- **House Bill 540** – Reps. Gavarone, Manning – Reported out of Education and Career Readiness (17-2, Hood)
 - *Regards teacher evaluations*
- **House Bill 543** – Reps. Perales, Hambley – Reported out of State and Local Government (11-0)
 - *Allow prosecutor to contract to give outside legal advice*
- **House Bill 551** -- Reps. Perales, Romanchuk – Pending in Economic Development, Commerce and Labor
 - *Regarding hazardous occupations prohibited for minors and providing training to certain minors employed in a construction or manufacturing occupation*
- **House Bill 557** – Rep. Anielski – Reported out of Health (13-3, Butler, Merrin, Romanchuk)
 - *License and regulate art therapists*
- **House Bill 572** – Reps. Scherer, Howse – Reported out of Aging and Long-Term Care (11-0)
 - *Regards PERS service credit for nonteaching DD board employees*
- **House Bill 595** – Reps. Cupp, Rezabek – Reported out of Civil Justice (12-0)
 - *Revise law of wills, trusts, and suspicious deaths*
- **Senate Bill 66** – Sens. Eklund, Tavares – Reported out of Criminal Justice (13-0)
 - *Modify criminal sentencing and corrections law*
- **Senate Bill 81** – Sen. Terhar – Reported out of Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security (10-1)
 - *Revise licensing rules for military personnel concealed carry*
- **Senate Bill 127** – Sen. LaRose – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (10-0)
 - *Require actions when driver approaches waste collection vehicle*
- **Senate Bill 216** – Sen. Huffman – Pending in Education and Career Readiness
 - *To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs*
- **Senate Bill 220** – Sens. Hackett, Bacon – Pending in Government Accountability and Oversight

- *To provide a legal safe harbor to covered entities that implement a specified cybersecurity program*
- **Senate Bill 221** – Sen. Uecker – Pending in Government Accountability and Oversight
 - *To reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof*
- **Senate Bill 239** -- Sen. Dolan – Pending in State and Local Government
 - *To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments*
- **Senate Bill 299** – Sen. Gardner – Pending in Finance
 - *To allow equipment for the protection and preservation of Lake Erie to be purchased with proceeds from the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund, and to appropriate funds for projects enhancing water quality in the Western Lake Erie Basin*

House Bill 7

HB 7 addresses several areas of tort law, primarily in regards to medical malpractice litigation. The bill codifies the Ohio Supreme Court's recent medical malpractice "apology" holding by expressly stating in the statute that an apology may include a statement that includes an admission of error or fault. The bill also permits notice of a lawsuit to be provided by certified mail (as opposed to personal service, which can be awkward for all parties). To help minimize the inclusion of non-labile medical providers in a lawsuit, the bill establishes an *optional* alternative process, allowing for a more targeted approach without diminishing or enlarging the time within which the lawsuit must be filed under current law.

Additionally, HB 7 prohibits the use of insurer payment policies and guidelines—including those of government payers—to establish the standard of care required of medical providers for tort liability purposes. The bill permits peer review of information shared with regulators, but also clarifies that disclosing the peer review information to a regulator does not otherwise affect the confidentiality of the information. The bill provides protection for certain providers/hospitals concerning good faith failure to discharge and discharge. Of final note, in the event that an epidemic or a natural, technological, or man-made disaster overwhelms emergency care providers, the bill provides for an alternative standard of liability for emergency care providers to encourage them to still provide needed medical care in such situations.

HB 7 is supported by the Ohio State Medical Association and the American College of Emergency Physicians, but opposed by the Ohio Association for Justice. The bill was reported by the Civil Justice Committee 11-2 with Rep. Dever voting "no."

House Bill 51

HB 51 establishes a procedure for the General Assembly to periodically review cabinet departments and establishes a schedule for departments that are not renewed to cease operation. The bill also modifies the schedule of performance audits conducted by the Auditor of State to coincide with the periodic review of departments.

The bill requires the Senate President and House Speaker to direct standing committees to hold hearings to evaluate departments within the first three months after a general assembly begins.

HB 51 is supported by Americans for Prosperity and opposed by Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Ohio Civil Service Employees Association (OCSEA), and Policy Matters Ohio. The bill was reported out of State and Local Government Committee 8-6 (Anielski, Arndt).

House Bill 92

HB 92 requires an offender who knowingly commits public indecency for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification, and who is likely to be viewed by minors, to register as a Tier I sex offender/child-victim offender (lowest level), which means they will be required to register annually. The substitute bill allows for judicial discretion for first-time offenders.

HB 92 is supported by the Baltimore Police Department, but opposed by the Office of the Public Defender and ACLU of Ohio. The bill was unanimously reported by the Criminal Justice Committee.

House Bill 156

HB 156 prohibits insurers from requiring vision care providers to charge a fee set by the insurer for vision care services and materials that the insurer does not even cover. The bill allows the provider to opt-in to the insurer's fee schedule, but clarifies that whether or not the insurer contracts with the provider cannot be contingent upon the provider accepting the insurer's fee schedule for non-covered services.

Additionally, HB 156 requires both the provider and insurer to disclose certain things to the patient so the patient can make informed choices when shopping for vision care materials and services. The bill also prohibits the repeated failure to disclose the required info and subjects the insurer or provider to potential discipline from the licensing board or ODI, whichever is applicable.

Providers have brought concerns that they are being forced to cap the amount they charge for non-covered services (such as a second pair of glasses) so that the insurer can provide an additional benefit to the enrollee without having to pay for it. Additionally, the optometrists argue that they often are required to obtain the vision care materials from vendors that are partially owned by the insurers. The insurers argue that the provider does not have to sign the contract with them, but they often do because they provide the benefit of funneling covered enrollees to the provider which outweighs any harm imposed by capping the fees charged for non-covered services. A compromise was made that got the National Association of Vision Plans to be proponents. The Ohio Association of Health Plans, however, still oppose the bill.

HB 156 is supported by the National Association of Vision Care Plans and the Ohio Optometric Association, but is opposed by the Ohio Associations of Health Plans and other insurance groups. HB 156 was reported by the Insurance Committee unanimously.

House Bill 189

HB 189 reduces the required hours of initial instruction to earn a cosmetology license from 1,500 to 1,000; for a cosmetology license where the applicant is a licensed barber from 1,000 to 400; for a hair designer license from 1,200 to 800; and for a hair designer license where the applicant is a licensed barber from 1,000 to 200. It also eliminates advance level licenses for cosmetologists, estheticians, hair designers, manicurists, and natural hair stylists.

In addition, the bill 1.) eliminates the natural hair stylist license, 2.) converts an independent contractor license to an independent contractor registry, 3.) revises boutique services provider registrations, 4.) changes the State Cosmetology and Barber Board membership and duties, 5.) requires the Board to adopt rules to establish an apprentice cosmetology program (who are not licensed but are training in cosmetology under a person holding a practice or instructor's license), 6.) allows distance education to meet education and continuing education requirements under the Cosmetology Law & requires the Board to adopt rules, 7.) modifies reciprocity and licenses, 8.) creates a licensure process by endorsement, 9.) alters instructor license requirements, 10.) changes cosmetology licensure examination requirements, and 10.) makes changes regarding cleaning standards and infection control.

The bill is supported by the NFIB, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Salon Association, The Charles Penzone Salons, SportClips, Great Clips, and Professional Beauty Association. The bill is opposed by the Ohio Association of Cosmetology Schools, Wezlynn VanDyke Davis, Nancy Brown from Brown Aveda Institute, and other individual cosmetologists and small salons. The Buckeye Institute is an interested party to the legislation. The bill passed GAO 10-4 (party line).

House Bill 211

HB 211 would require the licensure of home inspectors and creates the Ohio Home Inspector Board. The Home Inspector Board will consist of five members (three appointed by the Governor, one by the Speaker of the House, and one by the Senate President) and will be within the Department of Commerce. Thirty states, including Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, require home inspectors to be licensed.

HB 211 is supported by the Ohio Association of Realtors and American Society of Home Inspectors, but opposed by Namistil Home Inspections, HomeSpection Training Institute, Americans for Prosperity. It was reported by the Economic Development, Commerce and Labor Committee 12-2 with Reps. Hood and Dean voting "no."

House Bill 240

HB 240 will require each public university and college to adopt a policy regarding dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and rape on campus, as well as require them to keep a record of all reports of such incidents that they receive. State universities and colleges also have the flexibility to go beyond the minimum federal requirements for such a policy.

There is no state law requiring state universities and colleges to adopt policies as such under HB 240. However, these institutions of higher education are required to adopt such policies under the federal Clery Act and Title IX.

The bill also designates April as "Respect Your Date Month" and contains an emergency clause. HB 240 was reported by the Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee unanimously and has no opponents.

House Bill 293

HB 293 revises laws pertaining to probationary driver's licenses and temporary instruction permits.

The bill alters from 16 to 16 ½ the age at which a person is first eligible to obtain a probationary driver's license. It achieves this by requiring the person to hold a temporary instruction permit for one year before obtaining the probationary license; the temporary permit is valid for 2 ½ years. The bill also revises the restricted time for a person with a temporary permit and probationary license between the hours of 10:00pm and 6:00am.

Lastly, the bill eliminates a court's authority to order that a parent or guardian accompany a probationary license holder who is under 17 and pleads guilty to, is convicted of, or is adjudicated in juvenile court of having committed a moving violation during the first six months of holding that license.

Under current law, the holder of a temporary permit who is under 18 is prohibited from driving between the hours of 12:00am (midnight) to 6:00am unless accompanied by a parent. The same time restrictions apply to a person who holds a probationary driver's license.

HB 293 has no opponents. The bill was reported by the Transportation and Public Safety Committee 11-3 with Rep. Manning voting "no."

House Bill 349

HB 349 equalizes the penalties for assaulting a search-and-rescue dog or horse to the existing penalties for assaulting a police dog or horse. (These presently range from an M2 for assault to an F3 if the assault caused the death of the animal.) The bill requires volunteers to be certified to train by a nationally recognized search-and-rescue training organization, program or course.

HB 349 is supported by Miami Valley Mounted Search and Rescue, Midwest K9 Search Unit, and Buckeye Emergency Response Training School. The bill has no opponents. It was unanimously reported by Criminal Justice Committee.

House Bill 355

HB 355 was brought in response to a growing dilemma for dealing with juveniles that commit the crime commonly referred as "sexting." Under current law, a prosecutor can generally choose either to not charge them for the offense or to charge them with a felony that could potentially ruin their lives. This bill outlines the crime of "possession of sexually explicit digital material," (referred to in the bill as "sexting"). Only offenders under the age of 19 are eligible for this alternative (M1) charge that allows for mandatory diversion eligibility. Those with prior offenses cannot take part in the diversion program. The substitute bill included language to make clear that prosecutors could charge for a more serious offense *if* the elements were met and they wished to pursue such a heightened charge.

HB 355 is supported by the Ohio Judicial Conference, but opposed by the Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association and the ACLU of Ohio. The bill was unanimously reported by Criminal Justice Committee.

House Bill 371

HB 371 exempts from property taxation any increase in taxable value of land subdivided for construction of residences until 1.) construction starts on the residence buildings, 2.) the land is sold, or 3.) eight years have passed, whichever occurs first. Changes made in committee placed an eight-year cap on the exemption.

HB 371 is supported by the Ohio Homebuilders Association and the Ohio Real Estate Investors Association, but opposed by a number of local government groups including the Ohio School Boards Association, the Ohio Municipal League, the Ohio Township Association, the County Commissioners Association. The bill was reported by the Ways & Means Committee 15-3 with Reps. Green and Hambley voting "no."

House Bill 386

HB 386 makes a simple change that allows individuals to place a freeze on their credit with the three credit bureaus without having to pay the 5-dollar charge.

Given the recent data breaches with Experian and others, many people may wish to proactively freeze their credit to prevent an identity thief from opening an account in their name. Unless they can show they have been a victim of identity theft, they must pay 5 dollars. While this may not sound like a lot, they have to pay it in order to freeze and unfreeze their credit. For example, if a family of four wanted to do this, it could cost \$60 just to freeze their credit and another \$60 when they wished to unfreeze it. Removing this fee helps consumers protect their credit.

The lone opponent to HB 386 is the Consumer Data Industry Association. The bill was reported by the Financial Institutions, Housing, and Urban Development Committee unanimously.

House Bill 394

HB 394 addresses a number of pressing issues in juvenile court. The bill maintains as mandatory bind-overs (to adult court) for children charged with aggravated murder if the child was 16 or 17 years old at the time of the crime. However, all other bind-overs are discretionary. This structure generally allows a judge to consider the circumstances around the crime rather than automatically binding them to be tried in adult court.

The bill also prohibits sentencing an offender to life imprisonment without parole for an offense that was committed when the offender was under age 18. It establishes a review mechanism for offenders in certain circumstances who receive, or have received, a definite sentence of more than 18 years or an indefinite sentence for a crime committed before turning 18. The goal of these provisions is to recognize the developmental handicaps of children in a constitutionally sound way.

HB 394 is supported by the Juvenile Justice Coalition, Ohio Judicial Conference, Office of the Ohio Public Defender, and other organizations, but opposed by the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association and Ohio Crime Victim Justice Center. The bill was reported by the Criminal Justice Committee 10-3 with Reps. Butler, Cupp, and Hughes voting "no."

House Bill 425

HB 425 specifies when body camera and dashboard camera recordings are public records. If either type of recording shows the death of a person, grievous bodily harm, an act of severe violence, or a nude body, the bill allows for the person shown in the recording to consent to its release only if the recording is not a confidential law enforcement investigatory record. Provisions in the bill also protect the identity of a child in these recordings. The bill allows for court action to request the release of restricted portions of these video recordings. Lastly, the bill specifies that a public school infrastructure record is not a public record.

The bill is supported by George Speaks, City of Columbus Public Safety Department, the ACLU of Ohio, and the Ohio News Media Association. It has no opponents. The bill passed GAO committee by a vote of 12-0.

House Bill 469

HB 469 authorizes a nonrefundable insurance company tax credit for contributions of capital for the construction of transformational mixed use development (TMUDs) projects. TMUDs are defined under the bill as multi-purpose developments that include at least one large building (either 15 or more stories high or 350,000 or more square feet in floor area) and that are expected to have a "transformational economic impact" on the surrounding area.

The credit is 10 percent of the documented development costs, and it permits unclaimed credit to be carried over for five years. It may be claimed against the state's taxes on foreign and domestic insurance companies. The Director of Development Services (DSA) awards the credit through an application process initiated by the property owner if the estimated development costs to complete the project exceed \$50 million. The bill requires an insurance company that intends to claim the credit to purchase the right to claim the credit from the property owner. LSC estimates that each such project would result in GRF revenue loss of \$5 million or more. Also, the number of projects that may be approved is undetermined under the bill.

The bill is supported by Steve Coven from Robert L. Stark Enterprises, Ohio Municipal League, and the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. The bill does not have any opponents. It was reported by GAO 12-0.

House Bill 479

HB 479 reduces the administrative burden placed on pharmacists by Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), which act as third-party intermediaries between pharmacies and insurers. The bill prohibits health insurers and third-party intermediaries from requiring, or directing pharmacies to collect, cost-sharing beyond a certain amount from individuals purchasing prescription drugs.

HB 479 also prohibits issuers and administrators from retroactively adjusting pharmacy claims except when it is a result of a technical billing error. Issuers and administrators are prohibited from charging claim-related fees unless those fees can be determined at the time of claim adjudication.

Proponents advocate for the bill because it requires that patients are informed of the most affordable option for prescriptions and would limit the amount that a PBM, health plan, or other administrator may charge a patient covered under a prescription benefit plan. Proponents include the Ohio Pharmacists Association, Discount Drug Mart, Equitas Health, Epilepsy Foundation, Alliance for Transparent & Affordable Prescriptions, and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to name a few.

The bill has no opponents. GAO Committee passed the bill 12-0.

House Bill 480

HB 480 clarifies that the common practice of multi-parcel auctions are recognized in Ohio law. Current law generally governs three types of auctions: absolute, reserve, and estate auctions. The bill adds a multi-parcel auction as a new type of auction subject to regulation by the Department of Agriculture. A multi-parcel auction is any auction of real or personal property in which multiple parcels or lots are offered for sale in various amalgamations, including as individual parcels or lots, combinations of parcels or lots, and all parcels or lots as a whole. This method allows

auctioneers to offer a variety of assets by an individual parcel, group of parcels, or as a whole to maximize value.

HB 480 is supported by the Ohio Auctioneers Association and has no opponents. The bill was unanimously reported by the Civil Justice Committee.

House Bill 497

HB 497 aims to protect Ohioans from "revenge porn." The bill makes it a first degree misdemeanor to disseminate private sexual images with intent to harm the individual in the image and adds possible felony offenses for subsequent violations. The bill also creates a third degree misdemeanor when harmful material is transmitted to juveniles if certain conditions are met.

Additionally, HB 497 creates a civil action that the victim may file against the offender, including a possible TRO, compensatory damages, punitive damages, reasonable attorney's fees, and cost of bringing the action.

HB 497 prohibits an institution of higher learning from disciplining or showing bias in awarding financial assistance to a victim of this bill and prohibits licensing agencies or boards from refusing to issue a license or disciplining a victim of this bill.

This bill was amended in committee to remove provisions related to employers, which moved the Ohio Chamber and other business groups to neutral. The bill was reported by the Community and Family Advancement Committee 13-1 with Rep. Vitale voting "no."

House Bill 500

HB 500 provides additional authority to townships in a variety of areas. It allows a municipality, in addition to a township under the bill, to levy a tax for any combination of the following purposes: 1.) acquiring, constructing, or maintaining buildings and equipment for police, fire, and emergency medical services, 2.) constructing or repairing roads and bridges, and 3.) general infrastructure improvements.

A county would be permitted to levy a tax for any combination of the following expenses: 1.) constructing and repairing roads and bridges, 2.) maintaining and operating a county home, jail, detention facility, or sewage disposal facility, 3.) funding the county's share of the cost of operating schools, detention facilities, and forestry camps, 4.) preparing for flood defense, 5.) constructing and maintaining drainage improvements, 6.) establishing and operating a 9-1-1 system, 7.) acquiring, constructing, and maintaining county facilities, and 8.) acquiring or improving land. The bill allows political subdivisions to electronically certify to the board of elections a question or issue to be placed on the ballot.

The bill is supported by the Ohio Townships Association and was opposed in committee by the Ohio Fire Chief's Association. Their concerns were removed from the bill. The bill passed State and Local Government Committee 14-0.

House Bill 502

HB 502 would require public school employees to undergo training in youth suicide awareness and prevention programs once every two years, as part of in-service training.

Current law already requires that public schools incorporate training in youth suicide awareness and prevention through in-service training, but does not specify frequency.

In addition to youth suicide and prevention programs, school employees currently must attend at least four hours of in-service training in the prevention of child abuse, substance abuse, violence, harassment, intimidation, and bullying, and the promotion of positive youth development every five years after their initial two years of employment with the district or center.

HB 502 was reported by the Education and Career Readiness Committee unanimously and has no opponents.

House Bill 504

Current law prohibits interior designers from submitting commercial building plans to obtain a building permit without the seal of an architect or engineer. HB 504 removes this barrier by allowing certified interior designers to submit plans. To qualify to submit plans independently, interior designers must be certified by the newly created Ohio Interior Design Examiners Board.

This bill is completely permissive. One can still operate as an interior designer, however, without proper certification, interior designers would need to have an architect or engineer sign off on the building plans. Passage of this legislation will allow for construction work to begin more quickly because of fewer bureaucratic hurdles to interior designers.

HB 504 is supported by Associated Builders and Contractors and American Society of Interior Designers, but opposed by the American Institute of Architects of Ohio. The bill was reported by the Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor Committee 10-1 with Rep. Dean voting "no."

House Bill 511

HB 511 standardizes the age at which a person can get married. The bill prohibits minors from getting married unless they are emancipated and 17 years old. It requires proof of age when seeking a marriage license and imposes a 14-day waiting period on licenses for 17-year-olds. The bill also prohibits a 17-year-old from marrying someone more than four years older than him or her.

Current law allows males to get married when they are 18 and females when they are 16. A juvenile court can also consent to allow a couple to get married younger than the minimum age when the female is pregnant and intends to have the child. For example, in 2002 a Gallia County judge granted consent for a 14-year-old pregnant girl to marry the 48-year-old father. While these cases are rare, they are allowable under Ohio law, and proponents of the bill argue that the current law provides a high risk of abuse and exploitation of minors.

HB 511 was reported by the Community and Family Advancement Committee unanimously and has no opponents.

House Bill 540

HB 540 revises the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES). The bill requires the Department of Education to revise the state framework for teacher and administrator evaluations, based on the recommendations of the Educator Standards Board, and to submit a summary of its revisions to the State Board of Education for review. The bill also requires the State Board to adopt the revised framework by May 1, 2019, and requires school districts to update their teacher evaluation policies by July 1, 2019.

HB 540 makes several changes to the specifications for the revised framework and does not take effect until the 2020-2021 school year.

HB 540 is supported by the Ohio Education Association and the Ohio Educator Standards Board and has no opponents. The bill was reported by the Education and Career Readiness Committee 17-2 with Rep. Hood voting "no."

House Bill 543

HB 543 authorizes a county prosecuting attorney, in the attorney's discretion and with the approval of the board of county commissioners, to enter into a contract with a regional airport authority, port authority, or regional planning commission to be its legal adviser. The county prosecuting attorney would also be permitted to charge a fee for legal services agreed to under the contract.

The bill was supported in committee by the Ohio Association of Regional Councils, the Ohio Aviation Association, the Dayton International Airport, and the Allen County Regional Airport Authority. The bill has no opponents and was reported 11-0.

House Bill 551

Currently there is low participation from 16- and 17-year-olds in both construction and manufacturing fields. HB 551 would encourage participation by allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to be hired in construction and manufacturing and permitting them to use a limited number of power tools after taking federally approved safety classes.

Employers would provide training to youth prior to operation of power tools to ensure the highest level of safety. The legislation would open up opportunities for youth exposure to these fields of employment, possibly leading to greater participation in the future.

HB 551 is supported by NFIB, Ohio Manufacturers' Association, and Associated Builders and Contractors. It is pending in Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor.

House Bill 557

HB 557 licenses and regulates the practice of art therapy, which is currently not recognized under Ohio law. The bill states that the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board will regulate and adopt rules for art therapists.

Art therapists claim they have been practicing at the national level and in Ohio, but are not regulated as their own classification of medical professional. Opponents argue that creation of the

title art therapist is unnecessary and inappropriate. The bill was amended to appease opponents by removing an art therapist's ability to "diagnose." While this helped, none of the opponents have changed their stance.

HB 557 is supported by the Buckeye Art Therapy Association, American Art Therapy Association, Cleveland Clinic, and others, but opposed by the Ohio Speech and Hearing Governmental Affairs Coalition, Ohio Occupational Therapists Association, and Ohio Counseling Association. The bill was reported by the Health Committee 13-3 with Reps. Butler, Merrin, and Romanchuk voting "no."

House Bill 572

HB 572 aims to help correct a situation mainly affecting the developmental disabilities population.

The bill would require OPERS to grant a full year of service credit to a PERS member employed as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities if the member performs full-time services in the position for at least nine months and is paid earnable salary in each month of that year. This member must meet the conditions as prescribed under the bill in order to receive the full service credit.

The bill also opens a 90-day window for each eligible county board of developmental disabilities, in working through the county auditor, to report to OPERS the member's name and any additional information required by PERS in the form they require.

Current law grants a full year of service credit to an SERS member who is employed by a SERS-covered employer on a full-time basis for nine or more months of service within a year.

HB 572 was reported by the Aging and Long-Term Committee unanimously and has no opponents.

House Bill 595

HB 595 is another "probate omnibus" bill that includes several additional changes to make Ohio's probate law more efficient, fair, and updated. The bill expands Ohio's "Slayer Statute" by generally disqualifying a person convicted of involuntary manslaughter from in any way benefitting from the death of the victim of that offense.

The bill also responds to a desire to allow individuals to pass on knowing their estate instruments are valid and mechanisms exist to ensure that private details of their lives can be kept private in a post-mortem dispute. Specifically, the bill makes clear that provisions mandating arbitration in trust disputes are generally enforceable, creates a procedure for determining the validity of a trust prior to the death of the testator, and generally prohibits a person from contesting the validity of any trust as to facts a probate court decided were valid during the testator's lifetime.

The bill also allows for the personal representative of a decedent to file an application with the probate court to release the decedent's medical records for the limited purpose of deciding whether to file a wrongful death claim, rather than having to open an estate for that limited purpose. The bill also contains provisions relating to the incorporation of trusts in wills and specifies that the

exception to the anti-lapse provisions for wills and trusts only apply to multigenerational class gifts.

HB 595 is supported by the Ohio Judicial Conference and the Ohio State Bar Association. The bill has no opponents. It was unanimously reported by the Civil Justice Committee.

Senate Bill 66

SB 66 makes numerous "smart on crime" changes to Ohio's criminal justice system. The bill adds promotion of the effective rehabilitation of an offender to the overriding purposes of felony sentencing. It removes the mandatory one-year minimum that currently applies when a court sentences an offender to a community control sanction for a fourth- or fifth-degree felony under the presumption for such a sanction. This change allows a sentencing court to tailor a sentence to the needs of the individual so they can be more effectively rehabilitated.

The bill modifies how a sentencing court calculates the confinement credit by which the prison term for a felony must be reduced, and it allows a court to impose a new term of up to six months in jail as a penalty for a violation of a community control sanction.

Other key provisions in the bill deal with allowing people to get their lives back on track so they can be productive members of society. Key to these are provisions that: 1.) modify the criteria that a person must satisfy to be eligible for intervention in lieu of conviction, 2.) expand pretrial diversion eligibility with prosecutorial consent, and, 3.) expand the categories of offenders who are "eligible offenders" for purposes of Ohio's Conviction Record Sealing Law.

SB 66 is supported by ODRC, Ohio Judicial Conference, and others. The bill has no opponents. It passed the Senate 32-0 and was unanimously reported by the House Criminal Justice Committee.

Senate Bill 81

Current law only allows a retired or honorably discharged veteran to apply for a concealed carry license with documentation of proof of training for up to 10 years after separation from the military. SB 81 would remove this time limit. This legislation removes concealed carry license fees for veterans unless waived fees in a year amount to \$1.5 million. The window will close until the start of next year if the limit is reached. The Attorney General will track waived fees and report to sheriffs when the window is closed.

SB 81 also permits a current veteran CHL holder to renew the license before expiration. This is already allowed for ordinary Ohio citizens and brings veterans with a CHL into that same group.

SB 81 is supported by AMVETS and has no opponents. It was reported out of Armed Services, Veterans Affairs, and Homeland Security 10-1.

Senate Bill 127

Am. S.B. 127 requires drivers to move over or reduce their speed for stationary waste collection vehicles with flashing lights. The bill also allows waste collection vehicles (trash, garbage, refuse, or recyclables) to use flashing lights. The bill was supported by the Solid Waste Association of

North America and Rumpke and did not have any opponents in House Government Accountability and Oversight. The bill was reported 10-0.

Senate Bill 216

SB 216 aims to deregulate burdensome policies affecting public school districts across the state and enact other education-related policies.

SB 216 revises the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) as recommended by the Ohio Educator Standards Board and compromised by various stakeholders.

The bill also revises educator licensure and employment, including grade bands, licensure in Early College High Schools, career-tech licensure, substitute teacher licensure, and gifted services professional development.

Lastly, SB 216 revises textbook costs to students and universities for College Credit Plus, removes excused absences from the requirement of a school district's determination for an 'excessively absent' student, and requires each school district to complete and file a "Consolidated School Mandate Report" by November 30th every year with ODE.

SB 216 is pending in the Education and Career Readiness Committee.

Senate Bill 220

SB 220 provides an incentive for businesses to achieve a higher level of cybersecurity through voluntary action. It creates an affirmative defense to a tort action against a covered entity because of a data breach if the entity is accused of failing to implement reasonable information security controls and the entity has a cybersecurity program that meets the bill's requirements. "Covered entity" is defined as a business or nonprofit entity, including a financial institution, that accesses, maintains, communicates or handles personal information or restricted information.

The bill requires the covered entity to create, maintain, and comply with a written cybersecurity program in order to be eligible for the affirmative defense. Attorney General Mike DeWine, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Nationwide, NFIB, Lunarline, and XLN Systems were proponents in the Senate. It is expected that the trial attorneys will oppose the bill in the House. The bill is pending in GAO committee. SB 220 passed the Senate 24-8 (party line).

Senate Bill 221

Sub. SB 221 looks to enhance Ohio's rulemaking process by not allowing informal policymaking by state agencies. This change will make the impact of agency rules more transparent. Sub. SB 221 would allow the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) to call any agency that improperly establishes rule through policy rather than the formal process. It would also allow the committee to vote to make the agency write a formal rule in lieu of the informal policy. Other provisions in the bill pertain to a self-examination process, inaction on rules that agencies were statutorily required to propose, and JCARR's ability to review rules between a 5-year rule review period.

Sub. SB 221 passed the Senate 30-3 and is supported by JCARR, NFIB, Ohio Chamber, Ohio Association of Goodwill Industries, and the Small Business Consultants of Ohio.

Senate Bill 239

SB 239 requires the regional council of governments' (COG) officers—upon forming a COG and before taking an official action—to notify the Auditor of State of its formation. Records containing the names of political subdivisions that are members of a COG or names of representatives from those political subdivisions who serve on the COG are public records. COG officials and employees are subject to the Ethics Law under this bill. Under current law, a COG is sometimes formed in order to perform any number of functions, including studying governmental problems in a region, carrying out regional development projects, and pooling government resources to provide services. SB 239 is pending in State and Local Government Committee. To date, the bill is supported by Auditor Yost, OML, and the Ohio News Media Association. The bill passed the Senate 33-0.

Senate Bill 299

SB 299 provides \$23.5 million in additional GRF funding and \$12.7 million in additional capital funding for programs that support the protection and preservation of Lake Erie and its tributaries. The additional operating budget funding will go to the Department of Agriculture for soil and water conservation districts in the Lake Erie Basin and to the Soil and Water Phosphorus Program, which the bill creates. Additionally, the Department of Higher Education is provided new capital funding that will be given to the Ohio Sea Grant Program to build new laboratory space at the Stone Laboratory and buy in-lake monitoring equipment.

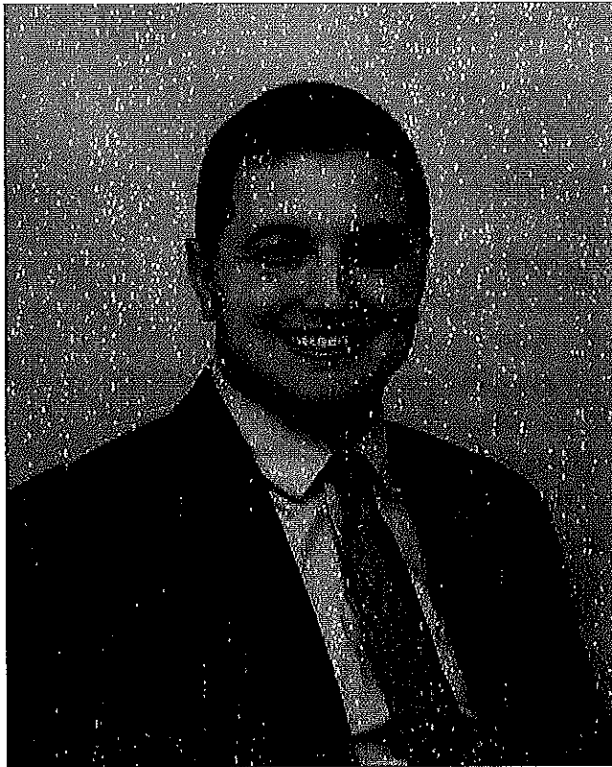
SB 299 is the companion bill to HB 643 (Arndt, Patterson), which was reported out of Finance Committee unanimously. The only difference between the two bills is that HB 643 states that no more than 40 percent of the money in the phosphorus program can be used for one activity.

The bill was reported out of the Senate unanimously and is pending in Finance Committee.

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When you get a free minute, please make sure to introduce yourself and welcome the newest members of our team.



Tyler Herrmann, Deputy Legal Counsel / Policy Advisor

Tyler is from Harrison, Ohio and holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati and a Political Science degree from Wright State University. Tyler served in the United States Air Force as an Operations Intelligence Analyst NCO and currently serves as a JAG Attorney for the United States Army. He currently presides as the Chairman for the Ohio Chapter of the Republican National Lawyers Association, and as the Treasurer for the Cap City Young

Republicans. Tyler transferred to the House from the Attorney General's Office where he served as an Assistant Attorney General within the Executive Agencies Section.

James Kennedy, LA Merrin



James is from Palm City, Florida and an alum of Florida, Atlantic University where he graduated with a degree in Political Science. While in college he had the opportunity to serve as a Tax and Fiscal Policy Intern for the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC). James has an extensive research background serving as a Legal Research Analyst Intern for the Buckeye Institute and as a Political-Military Analyst Intern for the Hudson Institute. Prior to arriving to the House, he served as a Legislative Assistant for the Tennessee Legislation Service in Nashville. In James' free time, he enjoys collecting sports memorabilia and claims to have personally met nearly every

major league baseball
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Lauren Reid, LA Butler



Lauren is from Madison, Connecticut, and recently graduated from the University of Dayton with degrees in Criminal Justice and Political Science with a minor in Spanish. While at Dayton, she served as a Statehouse Civic Scholar, where she was assigned an internship working for the Governor's communication team. Lauren had the unique experience of traveling to Segovia, Spain, where she participated in a four-week immersion program. During the winter months whenever she gets the opportunity, she enjoys to snowmobile.

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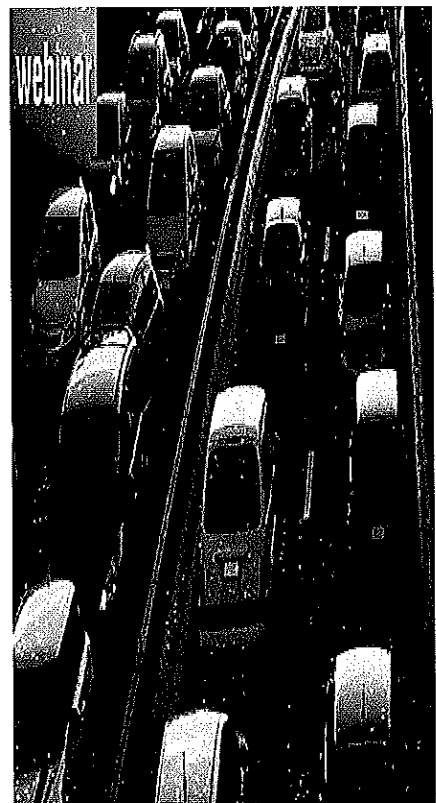
The New York Times

The Supreme Court on Wednesday dealt a major blow to organized labor. By a 5-to-4 vote, with the more conservative justices in the majority, the court ruled that government workers who choose not to join unions may not be required to help pay for collective bargaining.

Court rules Virginia House districts unconstitutionally racially gerrymandered

Richmond Times-Dispatch

A federal court ruled Tuesday that the Virginia House of Delegates unconstitutionally packed African-American voters into 11 legislative districts and ordered the General Assembly to draw new district lines by Oct. 30.



California lawmakers advance last-minute data privacy bill

Associated Press

California state senators advanced a last-minute internet privacy bill Tuesday ahead of a deadline while acknowledging it would need changes if it becomes law. The bill would let consumers ask companies what personal data they collect and opt out of having their data sold, among other privacy provisions.

Oklahoma voters approve medical marijuana

CNN

The measure requires a medical marijuana license with approval from an Oklahoma Board certified physician, that would be issued by the state's Department of Health. It also establishes a minimum age of 18 for medical marijuana licenses, although younger applicants can get an exception if a parent or guardian, and two doctors sign. **NCSL data cited.**

[NCSL resources on medical marijuana.](#)

California abortion ruling puts other states' laws in doubt

Governing

Supreme Court justices on Tuesday sided with anti-abortion groups in a case over what information crisis pregnancy centers have to give patients.

Kansas conservatives push to restrain state Supreme Court after schools ruling

Webinar Thursday: Federal infrastructure funding - an update while we wait

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In a long-awaited decision in *Carpenter v. United States*, the U.S. Supreme Court held 5-4 that the Fourth Amendment requires the

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Hi Mike,

Just FYI.

Thank you,

Jason

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Good afternoon Human Resources Administrators,

Today, the United States Supreme Court issued its decision on *Janus v. AFSCME, Council 31*. The Court ruled that fair share fees are unconstitutional under the First Amendment right to free speech. The Office of Collective Bargaining is currently reviewing the decision. We will release guidance shortly.

Agencies should not take any action at this time.

If you have any general questions, please contact Cullen Jackson at 614-466-5374 or Cullen.Jackson@das.ohio.gov. Any questions from news media should be directed to DAS Communications at 614-644-8953.

Thank you,

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TOP NEWS June 28, 2018

States cracking down on streaming video while driving

USA TODAY

Georgia isn't the only state to single out streaming as a new danger. A Washington state law, the Driving Under the Influence of Electronics Act, in January was the first to specifically mention video on phones. It even makes it illegal for Washington drivers to sneak a peek at their smartphone when stopped in traffic or at a stoplight, though they can touch a mounted or in-dash screen.

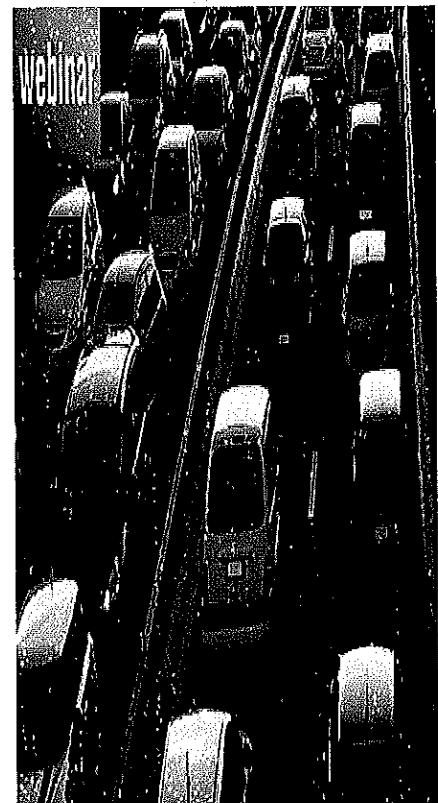
NCSL's Annie Kitch quoted.

[NCSL resources on distracted driving.](#)

'Now comes the interesting part' with online sales tax collections

Route Fifty

The court ruling in *South Dakota v. Wayfair, Inc.* has



also left complicated questions in its wake. Like what the specifics of new state policies could look like, whether Congress will take action, and how companies that sell goods online will react. **NCSL's Max Behlke** quoted.

Maine legislature passes sweeping medical marijuana reform bill

Portland Press Herald

The bill, which now goes to Gov. Paul LePage, would let caregivers expand their business operations. For example, they could hire more than one worker, and sell up to 30 percent of their harvest to other caregivers and dispensaries.

[NCSL resources on medical marijuana.](#)

Ohio legislature passes blockchain legislation

Cleveland.com

Ohio is close to becoming the latest state to offer legal support for blockchain-based business transactions, following a Wednesday vote by the state's General Assembly.

[NCSL LegisBrief on blockchain technology.](#)

South Carolina lawmakers OK rate cuts for failed nuclear plants

Associated Press

South Carolina lawmakers have approved a temporary rate cut of nearly 15 percent for customers of a private utility who paid billions for two nuclear reactors that never produced power.

Webinar 3 p.m. ET TODAY Federal infrastructure funding - an update while we wait

One of the most talked-about possibilities for federal action in 2018 is a new infrastructure bill that aims to inject what nearly all experts agree is a significant boost of funds for many of our national infrastructure systems.



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2017 state tax actions

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Supreme Court deals blow to unions in Janus case

The U.S. Supreme Court held 5-4 in *Janus v. AFSCME* that state statutes allowing public sector employers and unions to agree that employees who don't join the union must still pay their

Commercial spaceports still waiting for liftoff

Stateline

Communities are eager to tap into the growing
commercial space industry.

"fair share" of collective bargaining
costs violate the First Amendment.



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Why 'orphan' oil and gas wells are a growing problem for states

Stateline

Unplugged wells can leak explosive gas into neighborhoods and leach toxins into groundwater.

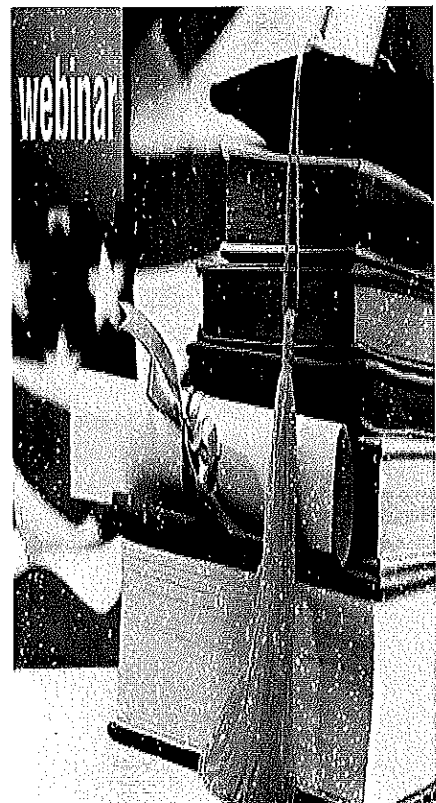
At state level, GOP renews push for 'supermajority' for tax hikes

The Washington Post

Florida Republicans are pursuing a plan to make it harder for lawmakers to raise taxes in the state, adding new hurdles for Democrats hoping to enact bold social programs such as "Medicare for all" and more robust education spending. **NCSL research cited.**

Insurers warn of rising premiums after Trump axes Obamacare payments again

Reuters



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Health insurers warned that a move by the Trump administration on Saturday to temporarily suspend a program that was set to pay out \$10.4 billion to insurers for covering high-risk individuals last year could drive up premium costs and create marketplace uncertainty. [NCSL resources on health insurances premiums and increases.](#)

North Dakota measure would ban noncitizen voting

Associated Press

Backers of a measure to change the North Dakota Constitution to explicitly bar non-U.S. citizens from voting say they have gathered enough signatures to get it on the November ballot. **NCSL research cited.**

Delaware lawmakers approve bill to prohibit pharmacist 'gag clauses'

Delaware Public Media

Pharmacy Benefits Managers (PBMs), third-party administrators of prescription drug programs for health insurance plans, sometimes forbid pharmacists from telling customers about cheaper therapeutic alternatives, or disclosing when a drug might be cheaper when paid for out-of-pocket, rather than through insurance. = A **NCSL data cited.** [NCSL resources on 'gag clauses'.](#)

Janus ruling is a blow to public unions - especially bad for black women

Governing

The Supreme Court's decision could weaken unions'

Webinar Wednesday: Revitalizing civics education in U.S. schools

This webinar will explore the general state of civics knowledge and education in the United State and highlight some of the work state legislators are undertaking to address the civics education and engagement in their states.



FY 2019 state budget status

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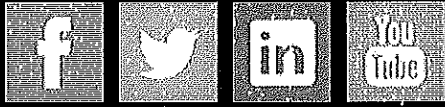


Dig deep into Supreme Court's term with this free webinar series

Check out this series of webinars organized by the State and Local Legal Center and hosted by NCSL and other organizations. All of the webinars are FREE and intended for

collective bargaining power, which has historically benefited women of color more than most.

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Self-driving carmakers want Congress to free them from state safety standards

The Los Angeles Times

As Silicon Valley and automakers attempt to steer the nation toward a future of driverless vehicles, a group of influential lawmakers remains concerned that bipartisan legislation now moving through Congress could leave consumers at risk by preventing states from demanding tighter safety regulations. **NCSL data cited.**

[NCSL research on self-driving vehicle legislation.](#)

Report: Hate crimes rise in California for third straight year

The Los Angeles Times

There were 1,093 reported hate crimes in California in 2017, a 17.4 percent increase, according to a report released Monday by the California attorney general's office. Hate crimes have increased annually since 2014, jumping roughly 44 percent in that three-year span, records show.

Alabama lawmakers consider outlawing leaving pets in hot car

AL.com

Alabama could see a new law against leaving pets in hot cars after overwhelming public outcry over the death of a dog in Trussville last week. And according to one of the state's highest-ranking lawmakers, that new law might also allow for the smashing of car windows to save a trapped animal.



U.S. immigration: A primer for state policy makers

This primer for policymakers is intended to provide a clear and concise introduction to current immigration and refugee policy, trends in state immigration legislation, and key studies that

U.S. targeted breastfeeding abroad. Here at home it's another story

Stateline

The U.S. position on a resolution to support breastfeeding counters domestic legislation.

Could Missouri's right-to-work vote be a 'turnaround' for labor?

Kansas City Star

As state after state adopts right-to-work laws, national unions are hoping Missouri is the "wall" that the policy's supporters can't get through. **NCSL data cited.**

[NCSL resources on right-to-work laws.](#)

Unions could no longer get Medicaid money under new Trump proposal

Governing

The federal government wants to roll back an Obama-era rule that lets some Medicaid payments go toward unions that represent home health care workers -- one of the fastest-growing and lowest-paid jobs.

seek to assess fiscal and economic impacts of immigrants in the United States.

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Webinar July 17: Bill information service training

Webinar 2 p.m. (ET) TODAY: Suspension and expulsion in early years

Traffic safety trends - 2017 legislative action

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Hawaii bans coral-harming sunscreen

Hawaii just became the first state to ban sunscreens harmful to coral reefs.



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How states are making it harder to leave unions

Governing

Just over two weeks since the Janus ruling, about a third of the affected states have taken actions meant to soften its impact on unions' membership and revenue.

[NCSL blog post on Janus decision.](#)

Massachusetts Senate passes automatic voter registration

MassLive.com

Under the bill, H.4671, any adult Massachusetts citizen who completes a transaction at the Registry of Motor Vehicles or signs up for MassHealth would be automatically registered to vote. People could still choose to opt out.

[NCSL resources on automatic voter registration.](#)

South Carolina's first hemp farmers in generations facing challenges

Charleston Post and Courier

Being a farmer is hard enough. But imagine trying to figure out on the fly — without chemical fertilizers or pesticides — how to cultivate a crop not legally grown in South Carolina since World War II and bankrolling the experiment yourself with no ability to get insurance if it flops.

[NCSL resources on state industrial hemp laws.](#)

Mobile food banks roll to isolated rural poor = A

Stateline

Seventy-nine percent of U.S. counties with the highest rates



UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Policy directives, resolutions for consideration at Summit

Final votes on all policy directives and resolutions reported from the standing committees will take place at the Setting the States'

of food insecurity are rural.

[NCSL resources on rural development councils.](#)

Virginia records \$550 million surplus in state budget

Associated Press

The surplus was attributable to increases in income tax payments. A strong stock market and a boost in federal defense spending are likely major factors for that growth.

Cities, towns weigh vacation home rentals against local housing needs

State Net Capitol Journal

The complaints against home share operators nationwide range from how their properties affect the character of neighborhoods, to whether they're adequately regulated. Some say they're a nuisance, and even when not they're essentially businesses, which people didn't expect to live next to when they bought their residential homes.

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Agenda NCSL Business Meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 1, from 8-9:45 a.m.



Webinar Wednesday: Partisanship and redistricting at the Supreme Court

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Traffic safety trends - 2017 legislative action



Webinar Thursday: Are sin taxes healthy for state economies?

Pew experts will present their analysis of past revenue performance of taxes on tobacco, alcohol, gambling, and legalized recreational marijuana. Plus, a further examination of states' approaches to managing nonrecurring revenue, and best practices states can adopt for each revenue type.



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